

In the Description

Please amend the following paragraphs to the description as follows:

1. On page 1, lines 3-7, please amend the first paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a U.S. national application under 37 C.F.R. § 371(b) of International Application Serial No. PCT/US2004/033648 filed October 12, 2004, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/510,756, entitled “PATIENT EQUIPMENT SUPPORT SYSTEM,” filed October 13, 2003, which is expressly incorporated by reference herein.

2. On page 6 line 32 through page 7, line 9, please amend the paragraph as follows:

The vertical telescoping movement of the lower segment 122 relative to the upper segment 120 permits the patient care equipment support 128 to be raised and lowered for facilitating the loading of the patient care equipment 90 thereon. Also, such vertical movement permits optimal positioning of the patient care equipment 90 relative to the patient support device 22. In addition, such vertical movement permits the docking of the patient care equipment support 128 with a post receiver (not shown) mounted on the patient support device 22 or in one of the cabinets 44, 46. An illustrative patient care equipment support system of this type is described in ~~U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. 10/802,287, filed March 17, 2004, now U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2004/0199996 A1[,,]~~ which is hereby incorporated by reference.